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Chapter 6 - Section 1 & 2.

Mt. Olivet Methodist Episcopal Church - Droop Mt.

Mt. Olivet, a Methodist Episcopal Church, is situated on Droop Mountain about a mile from the Pocahontas-Greenbrier line on Route # 219. It is a log church and was built in 1880.

The deed for the land is recorded in D. B. 13 page 385- Jan. 30, 1880. Joseph B. Dean & Hannah Dean to John F. Ray, James O. Snedegar, William Shisler, James W. Shisler, and George Caraway, Trustees, for the use and benefit of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to be kept and used by the ministers and members of the said church, and to be free to all orthodox churches when not occupied by them of the other part. - A parcel of land containing one and one-half acres.

Among the first members were:

Joseph Dean

Sam Spitzer

Wm. Cutlip

James Shisler & wife

Tyler Ray

Rebecca Ray

George Caraway

George Whiting

Wm. Shisler

James O. Snedegar

When the new road was built, the church was very badly damaged, so due to the influence of the Rev. Ward who was the pastor at this time, the church was rebuilt and rededicated. It was dedicated in 1932 and the Rev. Wells presided at the dedicatory service. Mr. Andrew Rice made a speech at the rededication. The crowd was so large that he had to stand outside on the steps so that everyone could hear him. There have never been any records kept in this church that anyone knows about. This, too, was a reason for the rededication.

The church has a membership of about seventy-five persons. There are preaching services here the second Sunday of each month. The Rev. Tenney is the pastor at the present time.

The names of some of the pastors who have served this church are:

- Rev. J. B. Wickline
- " Geo. Hamless
- " Holbrook
- " Walters
- " Ward
- " Robt. Bracken
- " Shirley Cochran
- " Tenney

There is a Sunday School here with an enrollment of about fifty members. Last winter it was kept open all the year, but this year on account of sickness and bad weather it

was discontinued the latter part of December for three months. The Supt. is Mr. Wilton McMillion.

The stewards are:

Gerard Simmons

Wm. Hinkle

C. B. Spitzer

The trustees are:

C. B. Spitzer

Gerard Simmons

There is no womans organization in this church.

Information: Mr. & Mrs. D. W. Cutlip